

**IL HIE Medicaid Work Group
Meeting Notes
June 2, 2014**

Attendees (by phone):

Mary Baksys	Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)
Dave Barnes	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Janet Baxter	Alliance of Chicago
Connie Christen	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Emily Fischer	Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Julie Glen	Loyola University Medical Center
Peter Ingram	Sinai Health System
Vince Keenan	Illinois Academy of Family Physicians
Danika Killian	Access Community Network
Robert Kolodenko	Loyola University Medical Center
Philip McCann	Illinois Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center (IL-HITREC)
Mary Ring	Illinois Critical Access Hospitals Network
Direndia Shackelford	Advocate Physician Partners
JoAnn Spoor	Illinois Hospital Association
Jeff Todd	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Eva Winckler	Chicago Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center

1) Review of Minutes

The work group approved the May 19th meeting minutes.

2) Electronic Health Record Medicaid Incentive Payment Program (eMIPP) Status Update

- **Payments to Date**
- **Processing Queue Statistics**
- **2013/2014 Attestations**

Dave Barnes reported that 11 Eligible Professionals (EPs) were paid since the last work group call. Two of those payments were for 2014 attestations. Over \$410 million has been disbursed to Eligible Hospitals (EHs) and EPs since the program began. Discussion took place regarding the statistical report and a few changes will be made to it.

3) Regional Extension Centers (RECs) Outreach and Education Reports

Eva Winckler said that CHITREC has been working on the HFS list that shows over 500 providers that attested for Adopt, Implement and Upgrade but not for Meaningful Use. Contact information is being gathered and CHITREC will contact those providers to see if they need assistance.

Philip McCann reported for IL-HITREC saying that they have been focusing on category 2014 that was included on a list that Mary Baksys sent. The list includes 551 lines of data not in the Chicago Zip Codes. 274 direct calls were sent out and Phil has spoken to 25 practices. Jeff Todd requested that both RECs report back to this work group on their progress with the lists.

Jeff Todd stated that he, Dave Barnes and REC staff met with Public Health staff regarding Public Health measures. **Dave** said one item discussed was that providers need to register with Public Health's Meaningful Use Registration System (MURS) directory (<https://murs.illinois.gov/>). Although Public Health may not be able to respond right away, registering in the directory queue makes it possible for HFS to approve Meaningful Use (MU) for those in Stage 2.

Peter Ingram asked if any information has been received from federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) clarifying how the proposed changes to MU are going to be applied. In particular, what the definition is if a vendor doesn't provide software in time. **Phil McCann** said that if a provider is not confident their vendor will have their upgrade software ready in time then they should apply for a hardship exemption before July 1st. The payment adjustment applies to Medicare-eligible providers, regardless of whether they have chosen the Medicaid path or the Medicare path to payment. **Janet Baxter** said that CHITREC is going to send comments on the proposed rule and requested that anyone with questions to please send them to her. **Dave Barnes** will ask CMS how to define software not received and about software delivered but the provider has not had enough time to implement it.

In answer to questions on the last work group call, Dave found out that it is possible to register multiple providers into MURS at the same time (instead of one at a time). Public Health has a spreadsheet listed on their MURS site with instructions for adding multiple providers at once.

Meeting adjourned. The next call is scheduled on June 16th.